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For : DIGITAL FLAT PANEL X-RAY RECEPTOR
POSITIONING IN DIAGNOSTIC RADIOLOGY



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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

The information listed in the attached form PTO-1449 is brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of the information identified herein are also provided.

It is respectfully requested that the information cited in annexed Form PTO-1449 be considered by the Examiner in connection with the above-identified patent application, and that such art be made of record in said application.

The Examiner's attention is directed to the documents cited on the attached Form PTO-1449 and to the following copending, commonly owned U.S. patent applications (copies enclosed):

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and to any prior art or other documents cited in said copending applications.

An explanation of the relevance of Sweden Document No. 463237 can be found in the specification of the present application at Page 4.

The Examiner is advised that the radiographic table illustrated in Figs. 16-23 of this application, but without an articulated structure for positioning an x-ray image receptor, was on sale in this country more than a year before the filing of the parent of this application, for use with an x-ray image receptor that would be under the table and move along the length of the table.

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This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed concurrently with this application.

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Early and favorable consideration of the case is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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